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1. SUMMARY: DEPUTY PM AND FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE MAVROS ADDRESSED GREEK PUBLIC OVER NATIONAL RADIO/TV OCTOBER 5 REVIEWING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT, CONDITIONS LEADING TO COLLAPSE OF PRECEDING REGIME, AND CYPRUS CRISIS. FIFTEEN-MINUTE SPEECH WHICH PRESS REPORTED PROMINENTLY BROKE NO NEW GROUND BY PROVIDED OCCASION FOR MAVROS TO CONVEY TO NATION, FOLLOWING HIS TRIPS TO EUROPE AND U.S., HIS VIEWS ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING CYPRUS PROBLEM, AS GREECE ENTERS ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING FROM PREPARED TEXT DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE MAVROS DIVIDED HIS MESSAGE TO NATION INTO THREE PARTS: CALAMITY OF PAST SEVEN YEARS, ACHIEVEMENTS OF CARAMANLIS ADMINISTRATION, AND CYPRUS CRISIS. FIRST TWO NOW FAMILIAR TERRITORY TO GREEK PUBLIC AND MAVROS SUCCINCTLY CHARACTERIZED APRIL 21 REGIME AS REPRESENTING SOCIAL AND POLITICAL WASTE WHICH COLLAPSED UNDER ITS OWN WEIGHT. MAVROS ADDED PERSONAL NOTE THAT DURING SEVEN YEARS OF MILITARY DICTATORSHIP HE WAS UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE AND HAD BEEN ARBITRARILY ARRESTED AND
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3. TURNING TO FOREIGN POLICY, MAVROS CHARGED THAT SMALL, UNARMED INDEPENDENT AND NONALIGNED STATE OF CYPRUS WAS OBJECT OF BARBARIAN ATTACK BY STRONG NEIGHBOR AND HAD LOST ITS INDEPENDENCE. "CYPRUS CRISIS PROVED TOTAL FAILURE OF ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS." HE ADDED, "WE BY NO MEANS CHANGED ORIENTATION OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY AFTER OUR WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. WE REMAIN IN WESTERN WORLD AND MORE PARTICULARLY IN EUROPEAN AREA OUTSIDE OF WHICH WE CANNOT LIVE."

4. COMMENT: SPEECH WAS ROUTINE AND DELIVERED UNIMPRESSIVELY. WHILE MAVROS SPOKE IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DEPUTY PM AND FM, HIS POLITICAL ROLE AS CENTER UNION CHAIRMAN TAKES ON INCREASED SIGNIFICANCE IN PRE-ELECTORAL PERIOD. VIEWED IN THIS LIGHT SPEECH DID LITTLE TO ENHANCE HIS STATUS AS PUNATIVE POLITICAL LEADER.
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